

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for fixing toner images applied to a substrate on a first-side and a second-side of a substrate comprising the steps of:

the toner images applied on the first-side and second-side are fixed together by microwaves, being heated to a final fixation temperature, and the toner image applied on the first-side is prefixed by microwaves before a toner image is applied on the second-side, with the toner image of the first-side being heated to a prefixing temperature that is lower than the final fixing temperature,

wherein the ratio of the modulus of elasticity G' at a reference temperature, calculated from the initial temperature at the beginning of the glass transition point of the toner plus 50°C to the value of the modulus of elasticity at the initial temperature is $< 10^{-5}$, the transition of the toner from the solid to the liquid state occurs in a temperature window of about 30°C to 50°C, the mentioned temperature range of the state change of the toner extends in the range of about 75°C to about 125°C, and the prefixing temperature is chosen in a temperature region of about 90°C to 100°C.

2-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 61, wherein the final fixing temperature is chosen to be above about 100°C.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) Method for fixing toner images applied to a substrate on a first-side and a second-side of a substrate comprising the steps of:

the toner images applied on the first-side and second-side are fixed together by microwaves, being heated to a final fixation temperature, and the toner

image applied on the first-side is prefixed by microwaves before a toner image is applied on the second-side, with the toner image of the first-side being heated to a prefixing temperature that is lower than the final fixing temperature,

wherein the ratio of the modulus of elasticity G' at a reference temperature, calculated from the initial temperature at the beginning of the glass transition point of the toner plus 50°C to the value of the modulus of elasticity at the initial temperature, is $< 10^{-5}$, the transition of the toner from the solid to the liquid state occurs in a temperature window of about 30°C to 50°C or smaller, and the prefixing temperature is chosen in a temperature region of about 90°C to 100°C.

10–15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) Method for fixing toner images applied to a substrate on a first-side and a second-side of a substrate comprising the steps of:

the toner images applied on the first-side and second-side are fixed together by microwaves, being heated to a final fixation temperature, and the toner image applied on the first-side is prefixed by microwaves before a toner image is applied on the second-side, with the toner image of the first-side being heated to a prefixing temperature that is lower than the final fixing temperature,

wherein the ratio of the modulus of elasticity G' at a reference temperature, calculated from the initial temperature at the beginning of the glass transition point of the toner plus 50°C to the value of the modulus of elasticity at the initial temperature, is $< 10^{-5}$, the transition of the toner from the solid to the liquid state occurs in a temperature window of about 30°C to 50°C, and the final fixing temperature is chosen to be above about 100°C.

17. (New) Method of claim 16, wherein the prefixing temperature is chosen in a temperature region of about 90°C to 100°C.